

2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE TAUNTON/ATTLEBORO

Funded Partners: Attleboro Police Department, Taunton Boys & Girls Club Metro South, Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton Police Department

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation*

Total Funding: \$88,541

Strategies	Outcomes	Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	40 Received Case Management Services 40 Successfully Referred to Youth Development Services	\$6,033
Community Mobilization	13 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations 12 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$6,860
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	61 Participated in Youth Development Programs 59 Participated in Recreation Programs 53 Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills 55 Developed Leadership Skills	\$23,664
Suppression	7 Hot Spot Patrols Completed 7 Warrant Sweeps	\$51,984

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

Youth Risk Assessments

52% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
39% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
9% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Success Highlight

"We had a male student who described being bullied in school and the issues surrounding other students' negative actions towards him. Officers allowed the student to talk through the issues, identifying coping strategies and conflict resolution. We also discussed the possible reasons behind the bullying. The student was empowered to handle the situation in a positive manner without resorting to violence or petty behavior."

~Attleboro Police Department

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Taunton

Attleboro

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	57,464	45,237
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	13.8%	8.9%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	11.4%	9.6%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	8,857	7,187
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	50.6%	33.0%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	1.5%	1.4%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

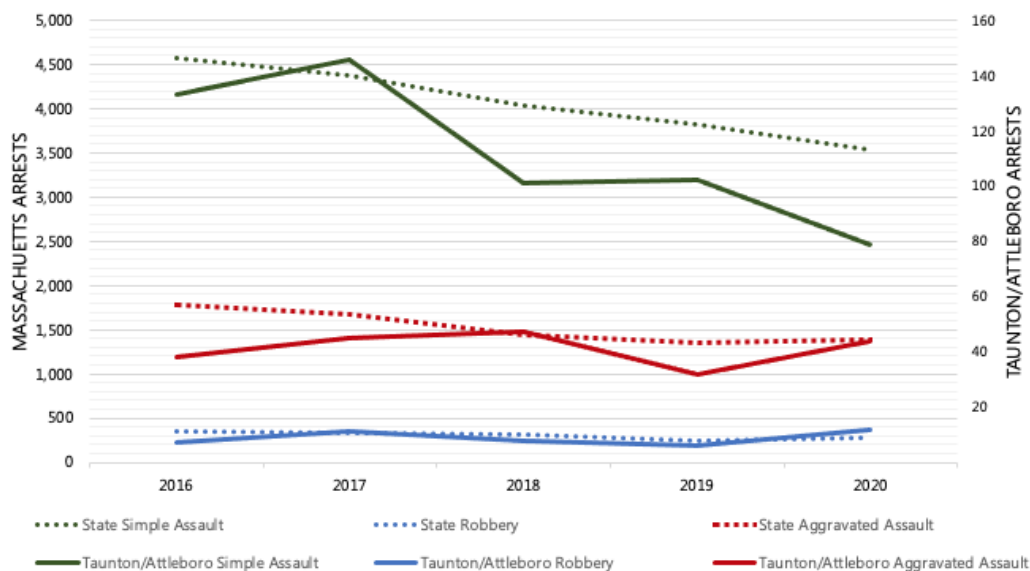
Gang Activity in Taunton/Attleboro

31
Street Gangs

78
Gang Members
Under 25

In 2020, the Taunton Police Department confirmed 10 gangs comprising approximately 170 gang members, of which over 45% were under the age of 25. Gang activity included drug trafficking, shootings, stabbings, assault and battery, domestic assault, and home invasions. Attleboro Police Department identified 59 known gang members from 21 different gangs with 3% of these individuals below the age of 25. Gang activity in Attleboro included offenses such as drug dealing, simple assault, and weapons offenses.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Taunton/Attleboro decreased 41%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Taunton/Attleboro increased 71%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Taunton/Attleboro increased 16%

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